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Examiner: William D. Coleman
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Sir:

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Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention that reference JP2-51224, cited on the attached PTO-1449, was previously cited by the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart Japanese application on January 6, 2004. The Japanese Patent Office asserted that it was well known in the art to shape a laser light into a desired size by using two fly eye lenses which are orthogonal to each other, as described in JP2-51224.

It is requested that the accompanying PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initial a copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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